

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Madden Mental Health Center
1200 South 1st Ave. Hines, IL

Chairperson, Jill Quinto opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:08 p.m. The meeting was held at Madden Mental Health Center, Hines, IL.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, Katherine Dunford, Edith Bukwa.

Members Absent: Deanne Medina, Pat Mencinkas, and David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: LaVonne McClairen.

Chairperson Jill Quinto noted that a quorum was not present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Approval of Meeting Minutes August 31, 2010: A quorum was not present to approve meeting minutes.

Communications: None

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints: None

Jill made a motion to go into closed session at 5:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 5:30 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session included progress reports on open cases, draft report discussion

for cases #10-030-9003 Kindred, #10-030-9009 Kindred, #10-030-9010 Read, and #10-030-9017 Chicago Lakeshore, response discussion and case closure for case #10-030-9008 Madden and case closure for case #10-030-9013 Loretto.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications: None.

Report of Findings:

#10-030-9003- Kindred. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9009-Kindred. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

#10-030-9010- Read. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9017- Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the report and a motion was made to issue the report without revisions or additions. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Closures:

#09-030-9019 Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA reviewed the response. The HRA is requesting the training agendas and attendance sheets for the trainings that are being offered to address the report recommendations. The case will remain open until this data is received.

#10-030-9008- Madden. The HRA reviewed the response. Edith made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

#10-030-9013- Loretto. The HRA considered case closure. Katherine made a motion to close the case and make the findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

Case Status Reports:

#10-030-9011-Chicago Lakeshore. The HRA will conduct another site visit, tentatively set for 11/19/10.

#11-030-9001- Provident. This complaint was originally against Stroger Hospital but in fact the recipient was treated at Provident, another county facility. The opening letter was sent to Provident and we have received the recipient's record.

11-030-9003- Chicago Lakeshore. The facility states that the recipient was never a patient at Lakeshore. A letter has been forwarded to the recipient requesting further information regarding his hospital stay.

#11-030-9005- Chicago Lakeshore. A site visit date of 10/19/10 has been tentatively set for the site visit.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA discussed the issue of facilities that are serious and repeat violators of human rights. We realize this is a complicated issue but we feel compelled as advocates to begin the discussion of the need for further consequences for facilities that do not make necessary changes to their policy and practice. Additionally, some members would like to address the broader issues involved in the cyclical admission of people from Intake departments into state mental health facilities or hospital psychiatric units and then to nursing homes and back again. The HRA Coordinator will begin to collect information on these issues and report back to the members.

The next meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

